

Supporting Victory

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The 2nd Engineering Battalion's Forward Support Company, or FSC, stands as the primary logistical unit utilized within the organization for the distribution of fuel, ammunition, prepared subsistence, water, as well as support for extensive maintenance requirements. Currently they sport three distinct platoons: Headquarters, Distribution, and Maintenance. In coordinating with Battalion staff and other engineer companies, FSC is able to support and sustain prolonged combat operations across all spectrums of involvement. Whether supplying ammunition for a home range qualification, or braving the winding sands to deliver much needed petroleum product to units mid-mission, FSC has the know-how and the will to complete the logistical objective.

A soldier's life in the FSC can be both challenging and rewarding considering that daily activities consist more of actual operations instead of situational training. Whenever we move, there's no theory, there's no simulation; the fuel we move always goes to a purpose, the ammunition to its necessary target, the maintenance to mission critical systems that keep our Engineers mean and rolling. Through the combined experience and discipline of the unit's seasoned non-commissioned officers, the spirit and motivation of the junior enlisted, and the common sense approach of a leadership eager to do good works, FSC has been able to improve and adapt towards an end state of superior performance in all matters professional.

In today's contemporary war environment, the concept of "rear with the gear" no longer applies. Time and time again we've seen proven that the asymmetrical nature of the fight we face today has eliminated the "front line" as we know it. Increasingly, it is the logistical support systems that are being targeted by our enemies. Historically speaking, armies march and fall only as far as their supply allows. As attributed to General Brehon B. Somervell, 1942: ***"Good logistics alone can't win a war. Bad logistics alone can lose it."*** It is with this understanding and sense of extreme responsibility that each Forward Support Company Soldier looks to the future as both warrior and logistician, prepared to fight to the end, prepared to do our part in achieving a lasting victory.